

State of South Dakota

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

Introduced by: Senators Kraus, Maher, Rampelberg, and Rhoden and Representatives Miller, Hickey, Kirkeby, Liss, Munsterman, Steele, Stricherz, Tulson, Verchio, and Wick

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Honoring pregnancy care centers.

2 WHEREAS, the life-affirming impact of pregnancy care centers on the women, men,
3 children, and communities they serve is considerable and growing; and

4 WHEREAS, pregnancy care centers serve women in South Dakota and across the United
5 States with integrity and compassion; and

6 WHEREAS, more than 2,500 pregnancy care centers across the United States provide
7 comprehensive care to women and men facing unplanned pregnancies, including resources to
8 meet their physical, psychological, emotional, and spiritual needs; and

9 WHEREAS, pregnancy care centers offer women free, confidential, and compassionate
10 services, including pregnancy tests, peer counseling, 24-hour telephone hotlines, childbirth and
11 parenting classes, and referrals to community, healthcare, and other support services; and

12 WHEREAS, many medical pregnancy care centers offer ultrasounds and other medical
13 services; and

14 WHEREAS, many pregnancy care centers provide information on adoption and adoption



1 referrals to pregnant women; and

2 WHEREAS, pregnancy care centers encourage women to make positive life choices by
3 equipping them with complete and accurate information regarding their pregnancy options and
4 the development of their unborn children; and

5 WHEREAS, pregnancy care centers provide women with compassionate and confidential
6 peer counseling in a nonjudgmental manner regardless of their pregnancy outcomes; and

7 WHEREAS, pregnancy care centers provide important support and resources for women
8 who choose childbirth over abortion; and

9 WHEREAS, pregnancy care centers ensure that women are receiving prenatal information
10 and services that lead to the birth of healthy infants; and

11 WHEREAS, many pregnancy care centers provide grief assistance for women and men who
12 regret the loss of their children from past choices they have made; and

13 WHEREAS, many pregnancy care centers work to prevent unplanned pregnancies by
14 teaching effective abstinence education in public schools; and

15 WHEREAS, both federal and state governments are increasingly recognizing the valuable
16 services of pregnancy care centers through the designation of public funds for such
17 organizations; and

18 WHEREAS, pregnancy care centers operate primarily through reliance on the voluntary
19 donations and time of caring individuals who are committed to caring for the needs of women
20 and promoting and protecting life:

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Eighty-sixth Legislature of
22 the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Legislature
23 strongly supports pregnancy care centers in their unique, positive contributions to the individual
24 lives of women, men, and babies—both born and unborn; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature commends the compassionate work of
2 tens of thousands of volunteers and paid staff at pregnancy care centers in South Dakota and
3 across the United States; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature disapproves of the actions of any
5 national, state, or local groups attempting to prevent pregnancy care centers from effectively
6 serving women and men facing unplanned pregnancies.